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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Bennett et al.

Application No.: 09/642,557

Group Art Unit: 1621

Filed: August 18, 2000

Examiner: To be Assigned

For: PYRAZOLOANTHRONE AND
DERIVATIVES THEREOF AS JNK
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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
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Attorney Docket No.: 10624-046-999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the amendments below and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 1, line 5, between "U.S." and "Application," please insert
--Provisional--;

at page 1, line 5, please replace "09/378,234" with --60/240,928--;

at page 1, lines 6-7, please delete the language " , which application was
converted to U.S. Provisional Application No. (awaiting) by petition filed August 16, 2000".

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reference provisional application no.
60/240,928 (the "928 provisional application"), filed August 19, 1999, from which the
present application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Enclosed as